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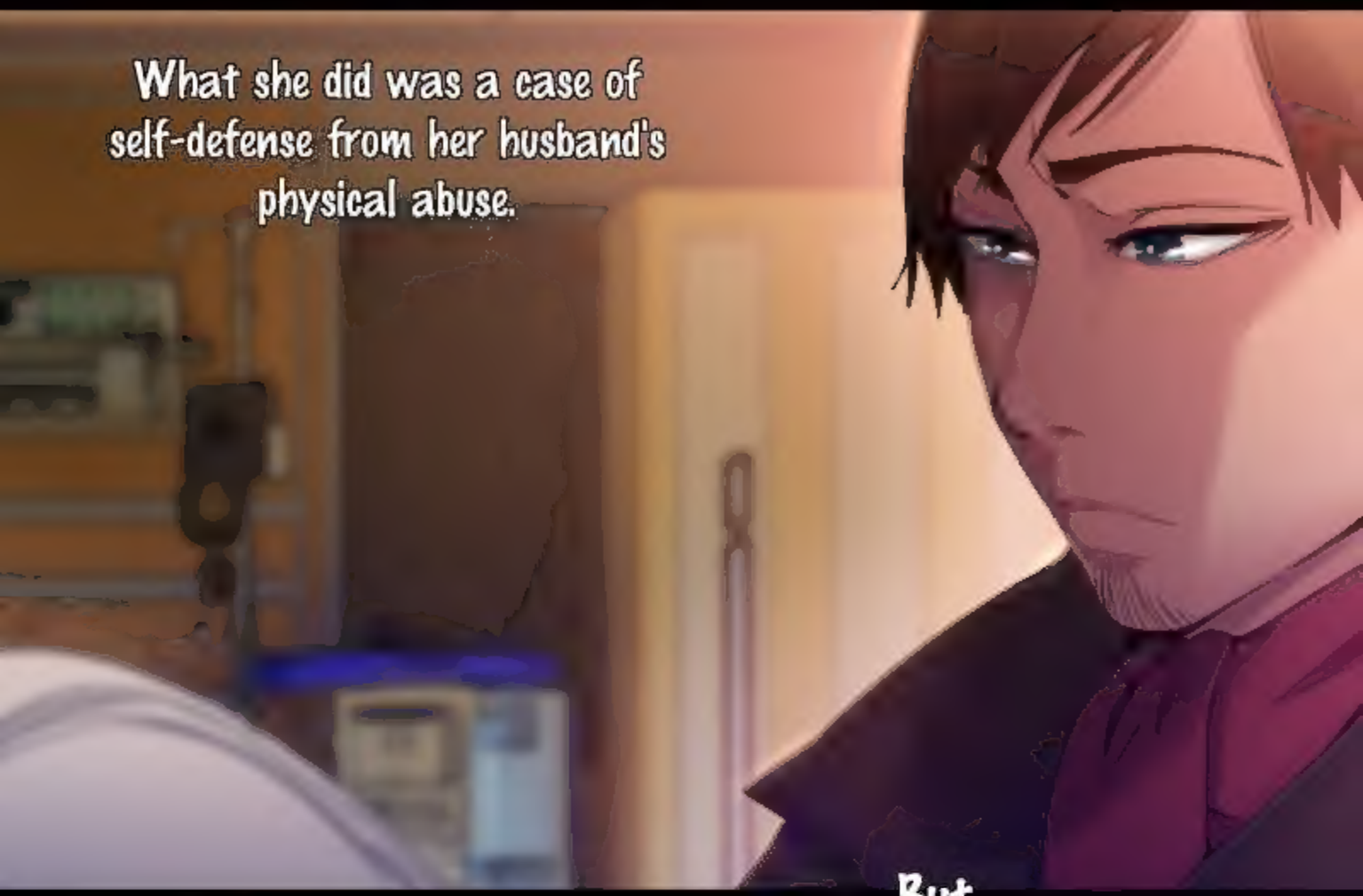
Past Chapter:
Finale

What happened that night..
..was a tragedy.

Please, save my child.

Nathan..


What she did was a case of self-defense from her husband's physical abuse.
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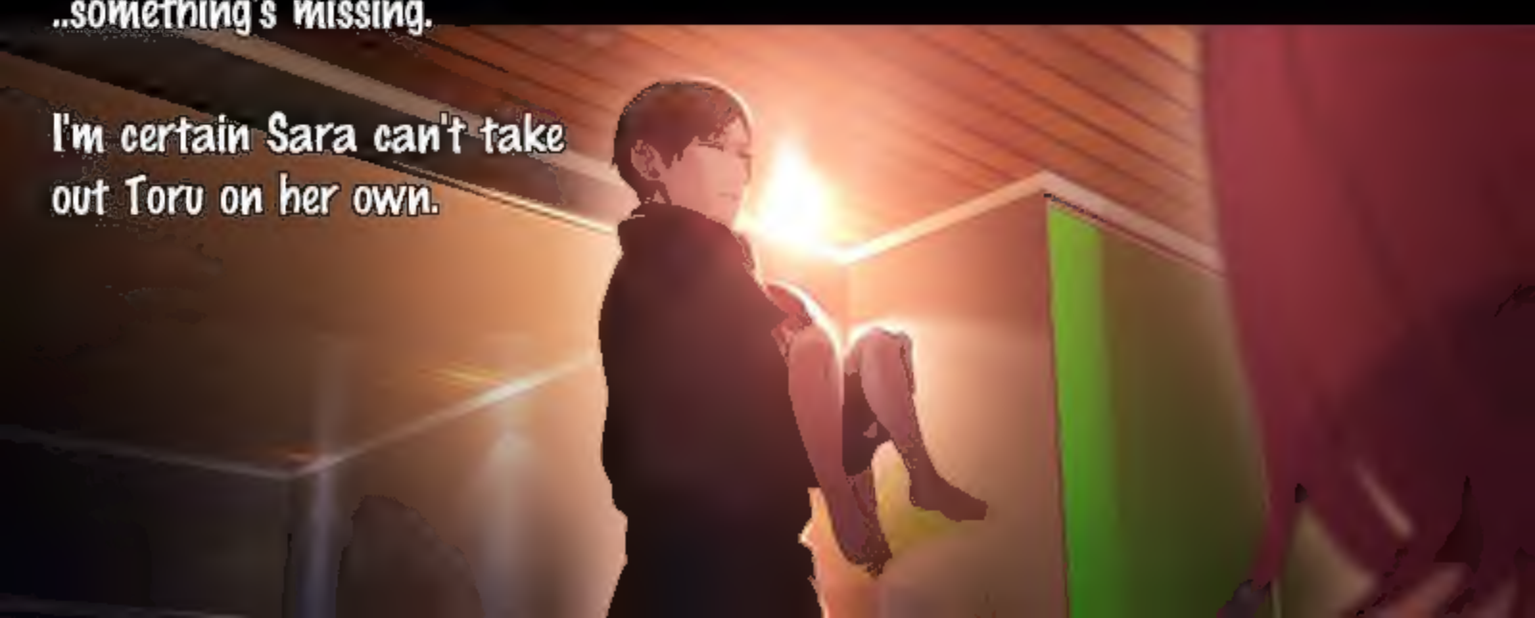
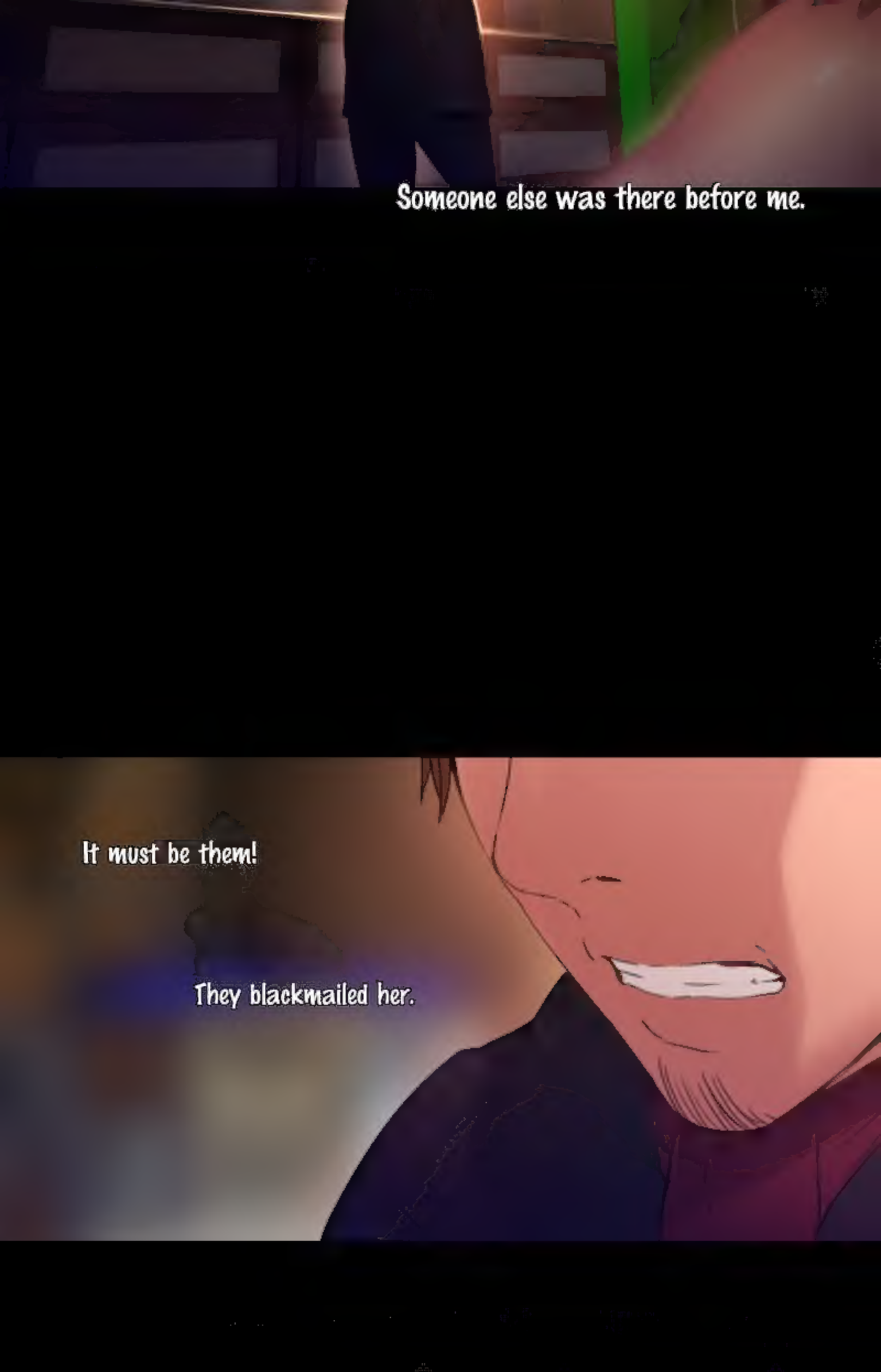
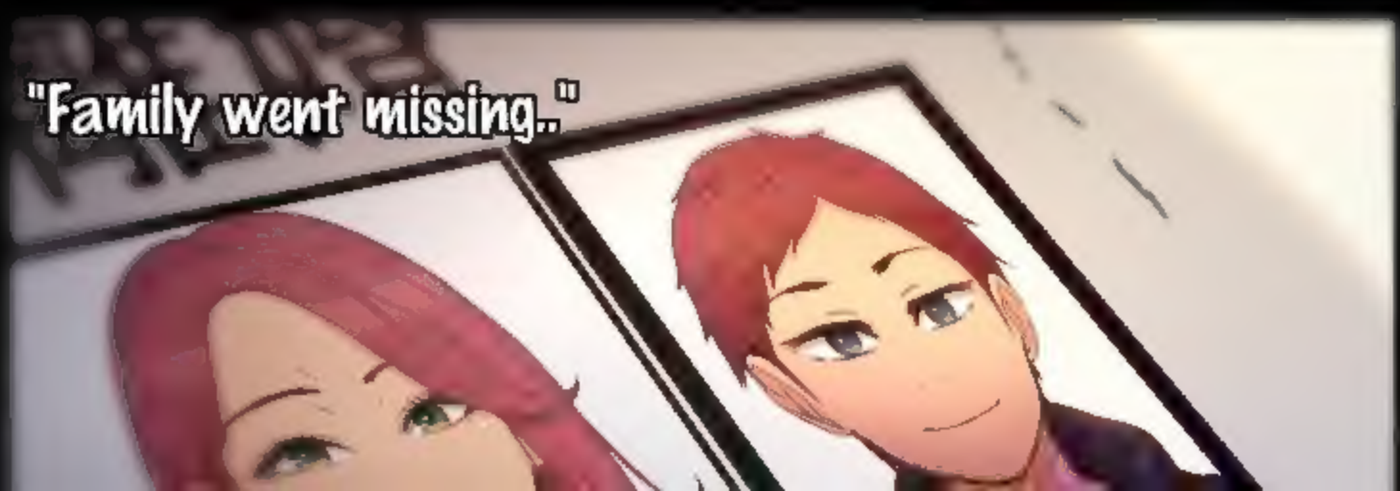
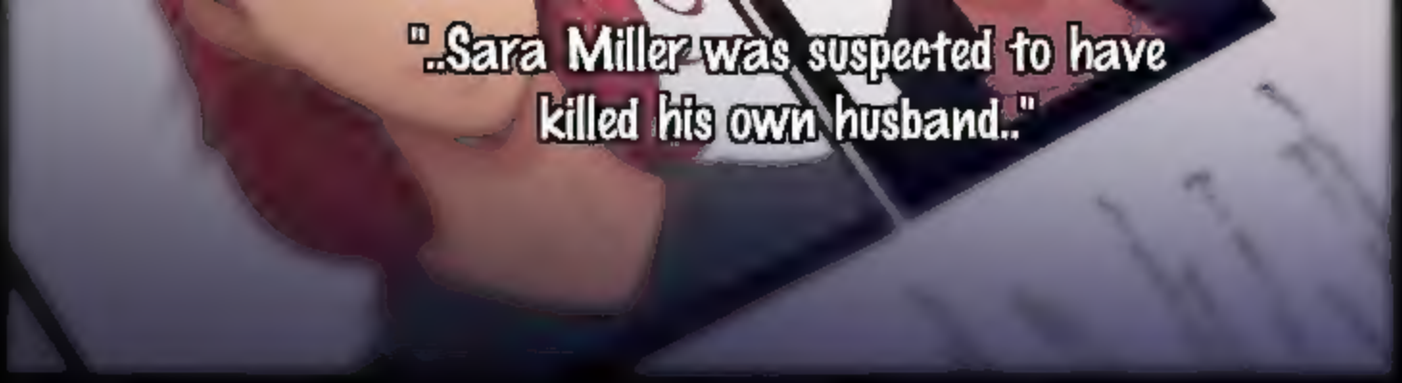
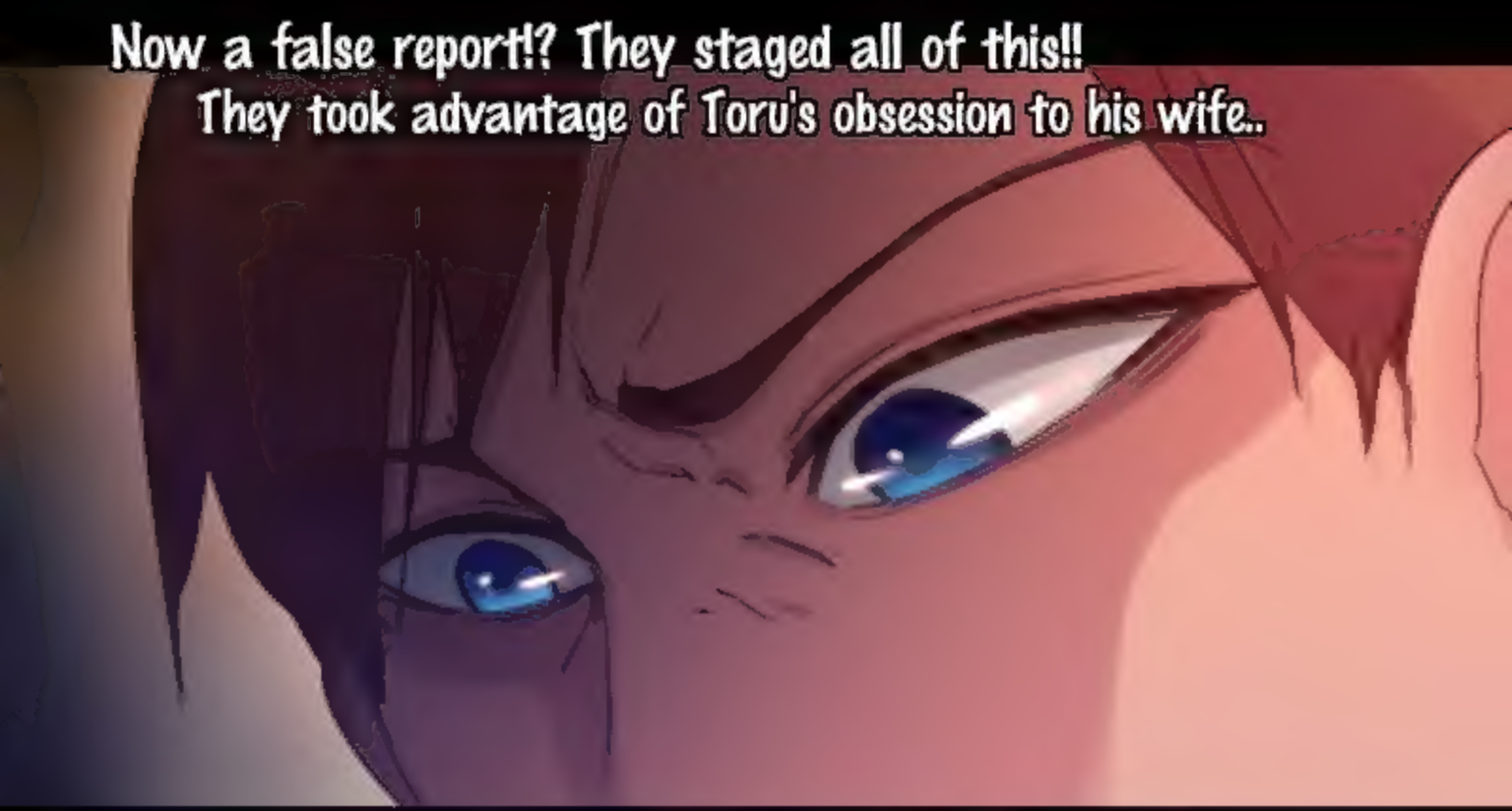

..something's missing.
I'm certain Sara can't take out Toru on her own.


Someone else was there before me.
It must be them!
They blackmailed her.

"Shimizu Trades co-owner, Toru Koizumi, found dead..
"..committed suicide? after discovering a third party involved in... .. .."


"Family went missing.."





..but why would they involve an innocent kid for this!?
Zenjirou you bastard!

Knock..
Knock..

Good Morning..

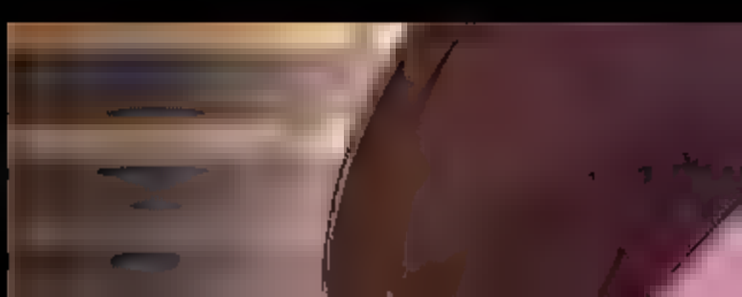
Mr. Koizumi, isn't it?
Ah.. no. I'm a friend of his. The name's Nathan Gre-
Greene
You look familiar. Are you by chance

Are you by chance the former Tennis Champion, Nathan Greene?

What an honor to actually meet you here, Mr. Greene.

I was a fan of yours..

..before you got defeated in the Battle of the Sexes.



. . .
Sorry. Anyway, let's talk about the child's condition.
How is he?

I have bad news and good news for you.
Truly it was a miracle for the child to survive after all the beating he took.
Four broken ribs, dislocated legs and arms, internal bleeding and brain damage
Good news is.. the kid survived.

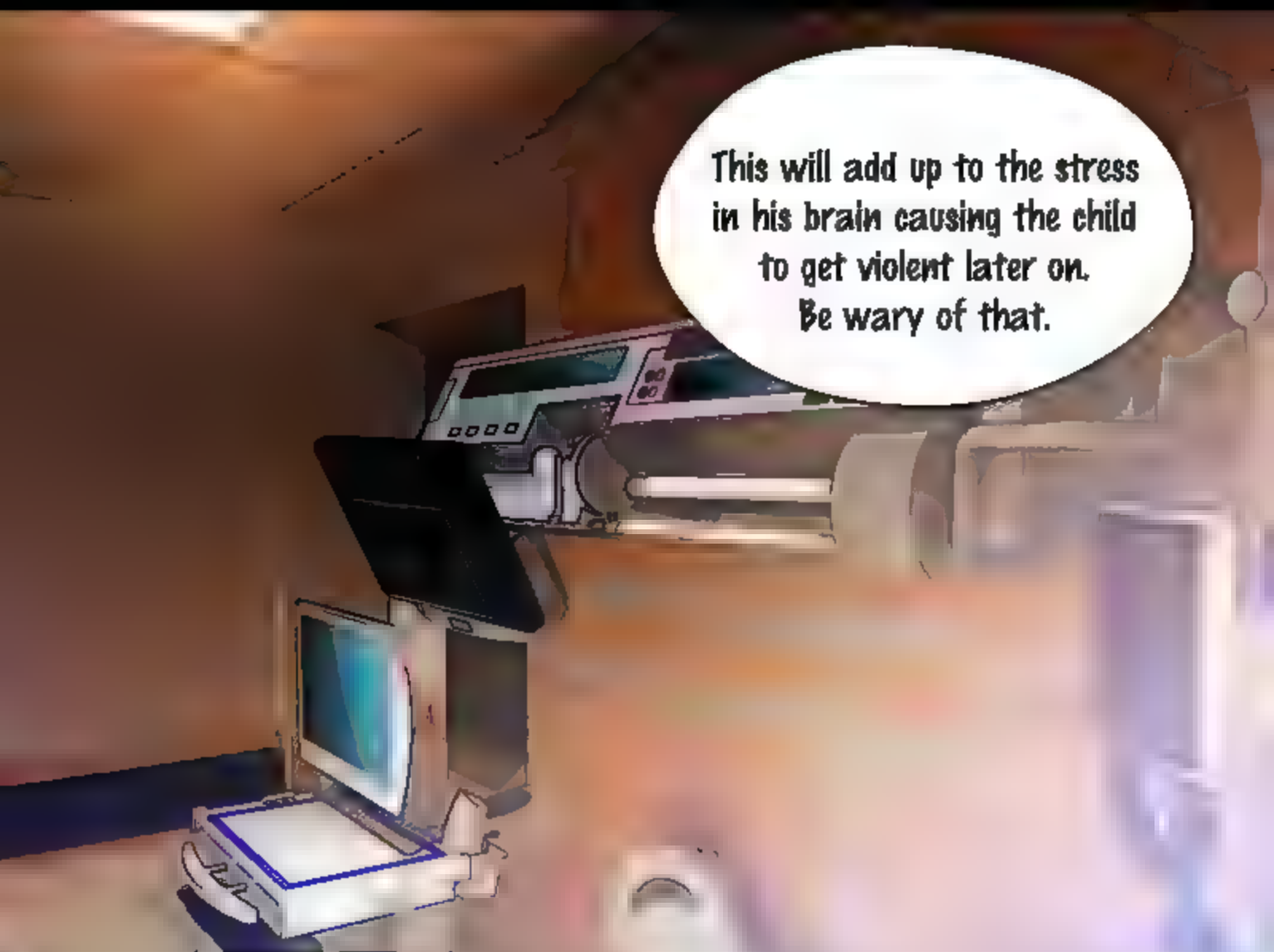
For now.. he's stable.
A month of rest
and he will recover.
What is the
bad news
then?
The physical damage
in his body will heal in time.
But the damage in his

brain was critical.

We found several clots in his head causing the coma and swelling of the brain.

Once the child regain conciousness, expect him to experience abnormalities and memory loss.

In addition to that, he may experience halucinations and personality disorders due to trauma.



We have medications and therapies for this but..

..unfortunately, it will only sustain his life.
Sustain his life? What dou you mean?
...

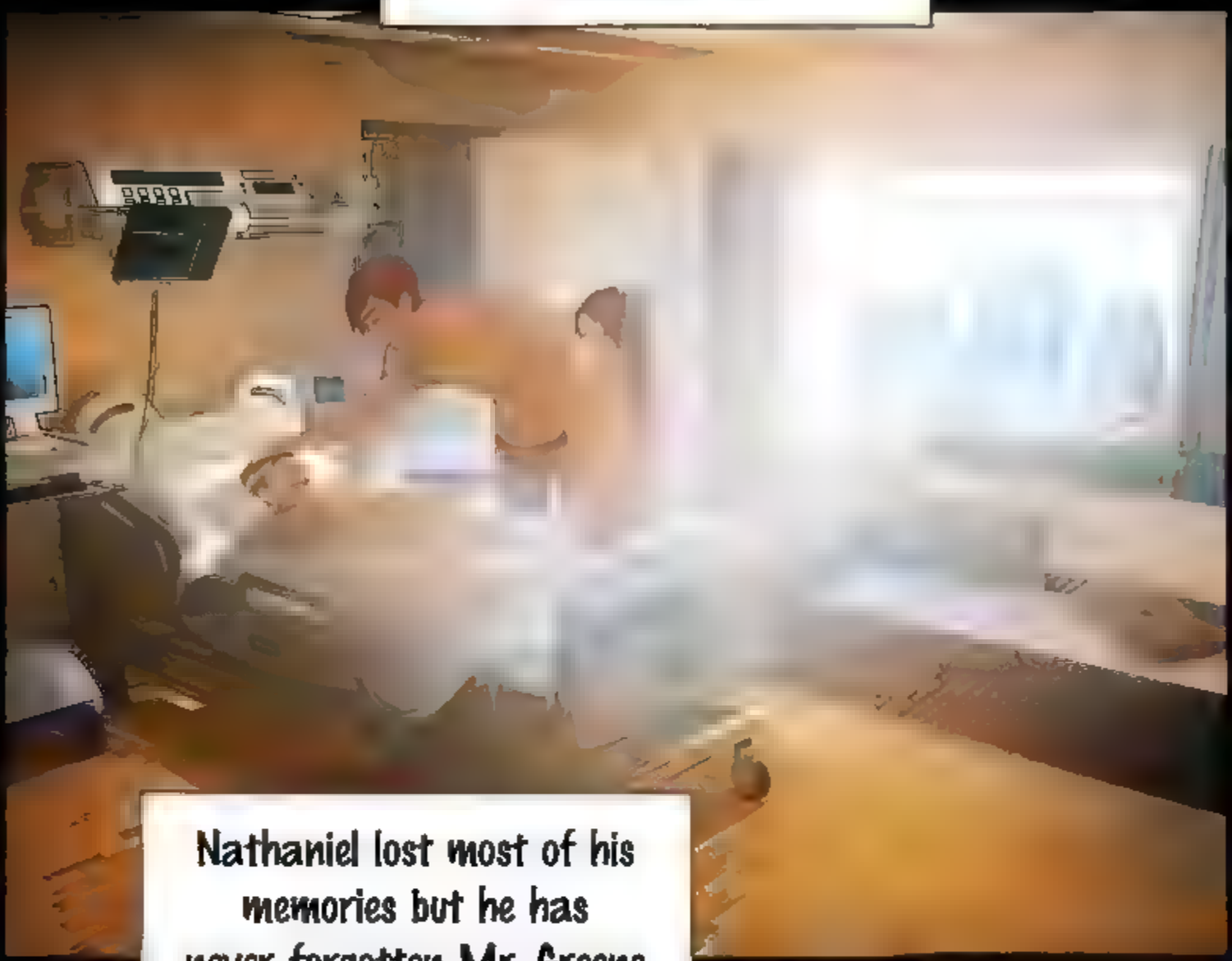
The child..
..won't live long, Mr. Greene.

After hearing the Doctor's last words, Nathan was devastated.

Somehow,
he felt responsible for
the child's misfortune.

After three months..
Nathaniel regained conciousness.

Ayane opposed Nathan's plan to adopt the child. Instead, she allowed Nathan to watch over him.



Nathaniel lost most of his memories but he has never forgotten Mr. Greene

He turned out to be

his number one fan.
OFCOURSE!
I want
to be like you!
One day I will become
the best Tennis player
in the world!
Then it's decided!

Once you recover, I will teach you Tennis.
Then Zenjirou came.
Be grateful I spared their lives, Nathan.
Should I

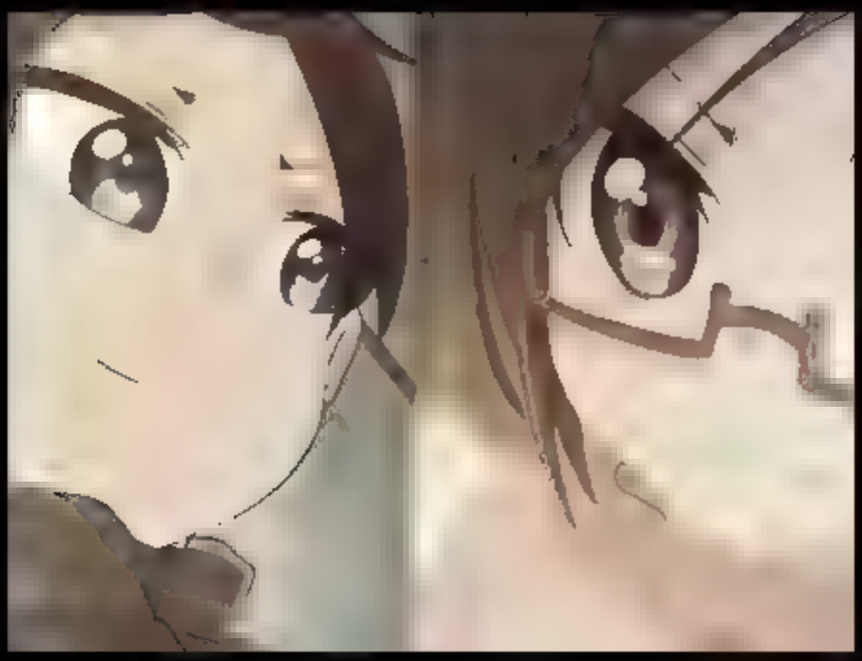
Nathan was in no position to oppose Zenjirou. For the sake of the child's safety, he was forced to follow his orders.

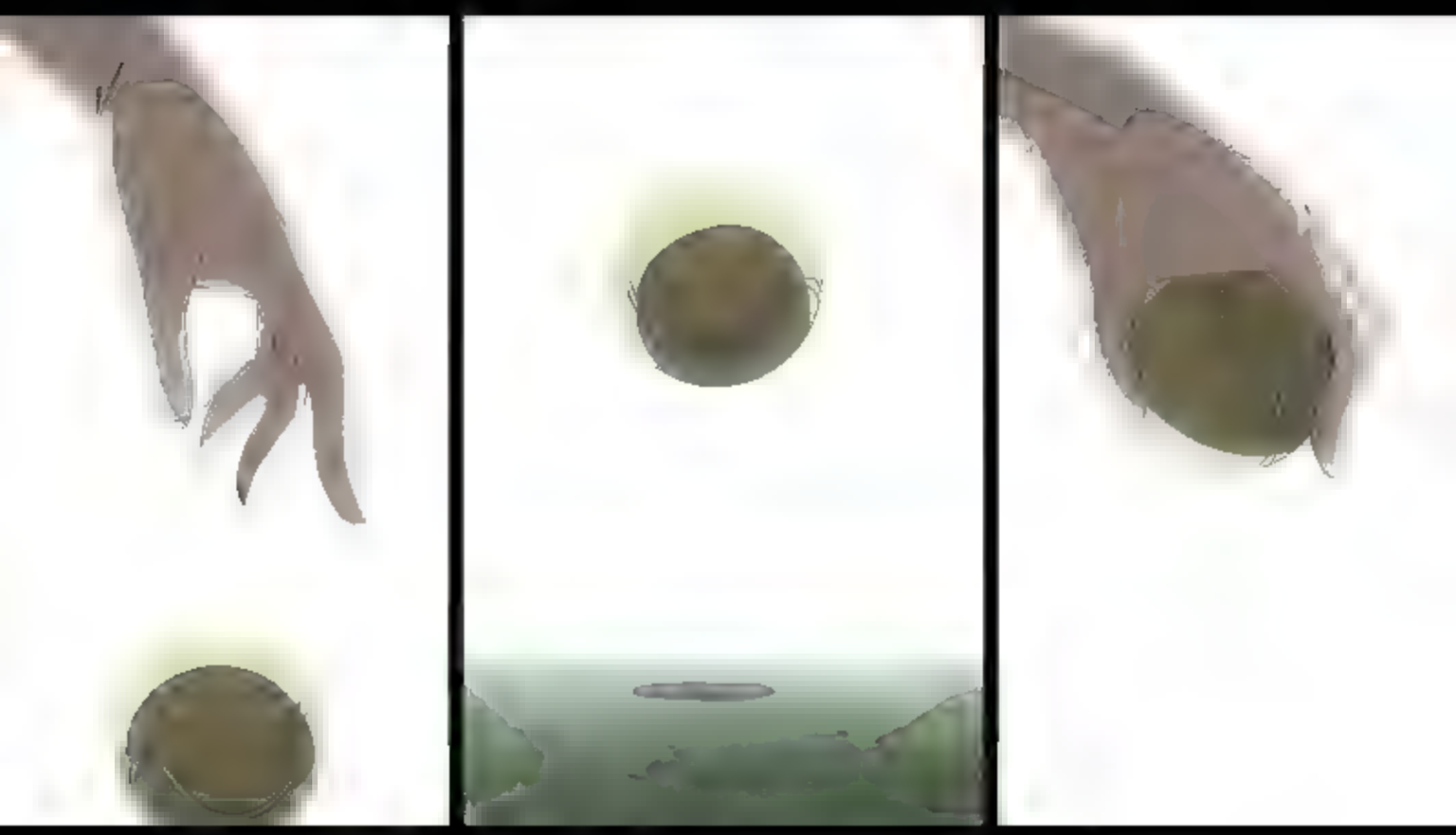
And that's how Axel was reborn.

Nathan spent most of his time with him.

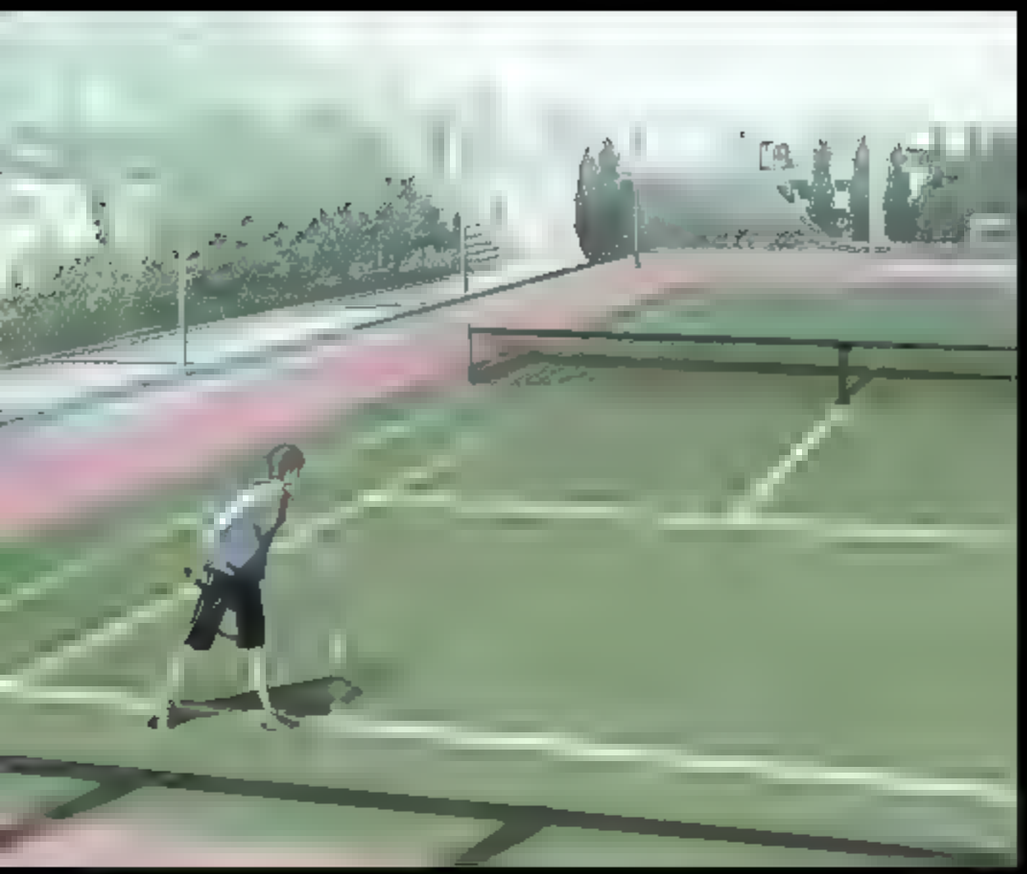
Not realizing, he's become more distant from his own family.

But after that day..



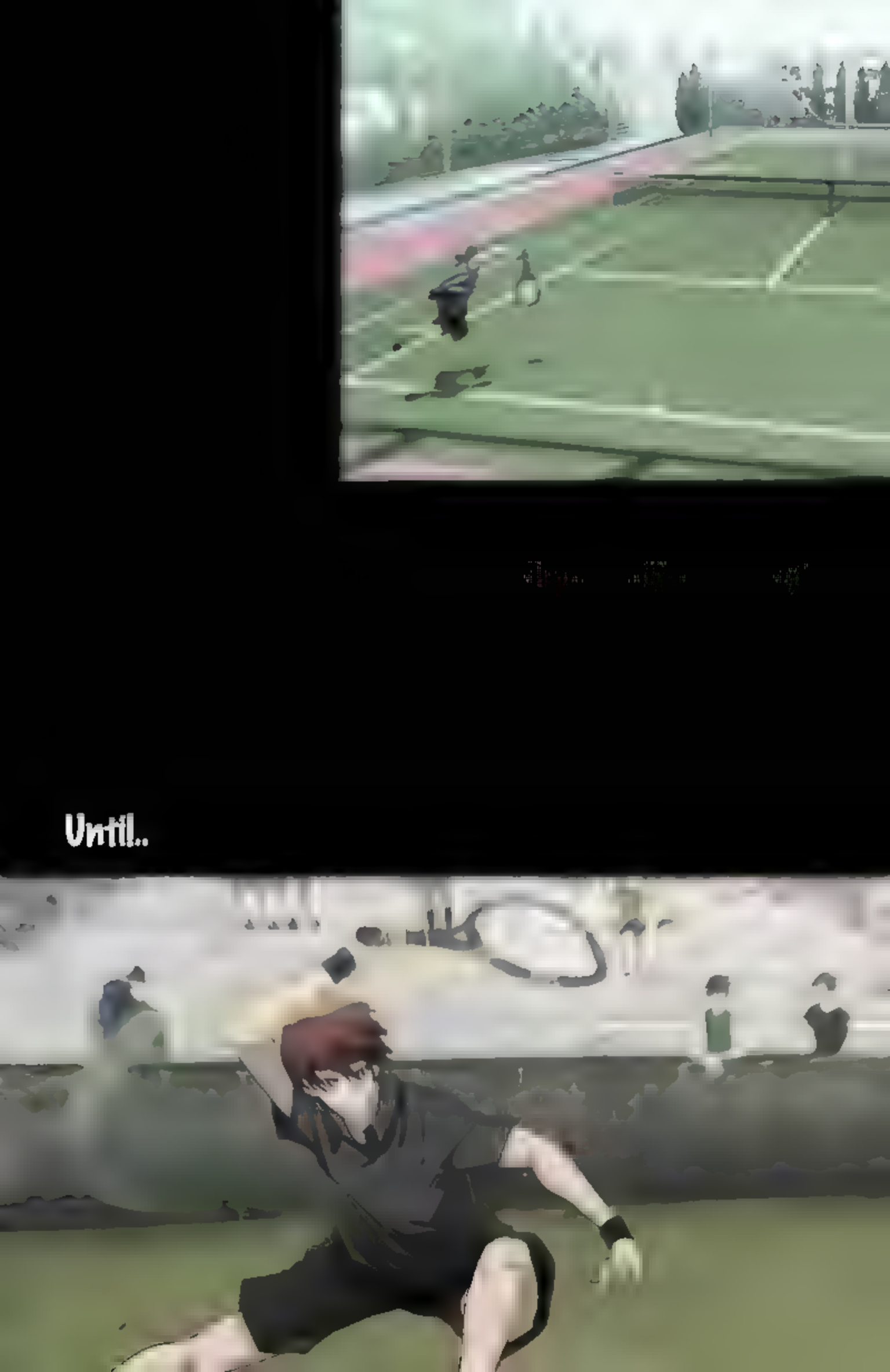


Axel changed.

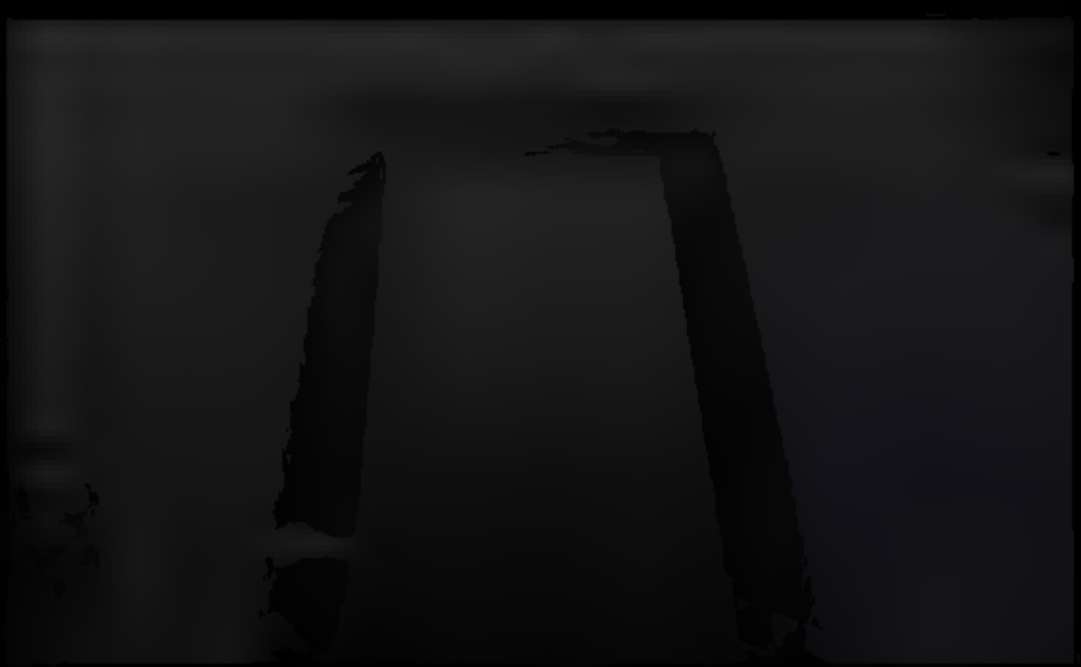


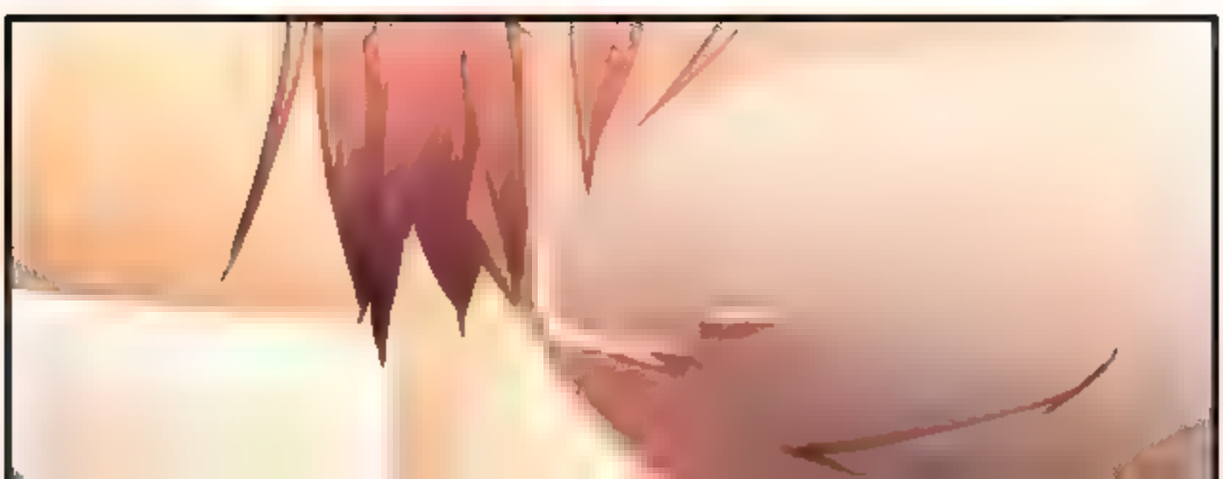
He rejected Nathan's Tennis. And found his own style.

...and became merciless inside the court.


Until..

..he surpassed his master.





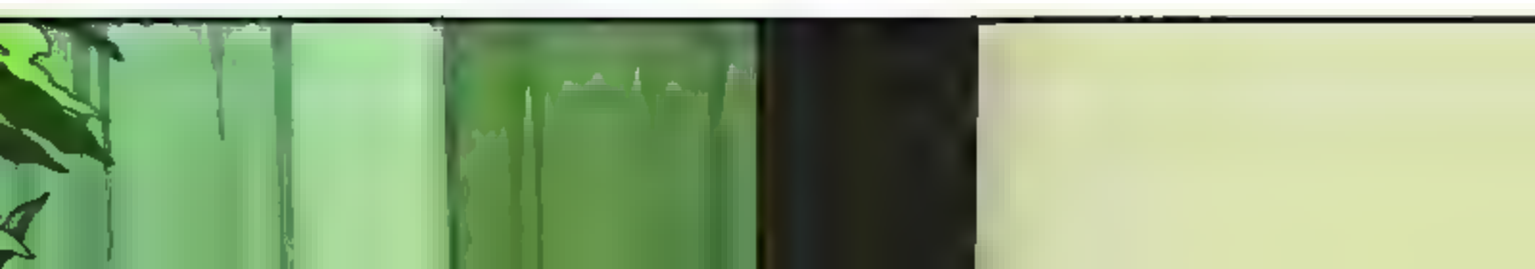
Anya..
It's been a while.
Sumire-nee..
let me untie that
for you.

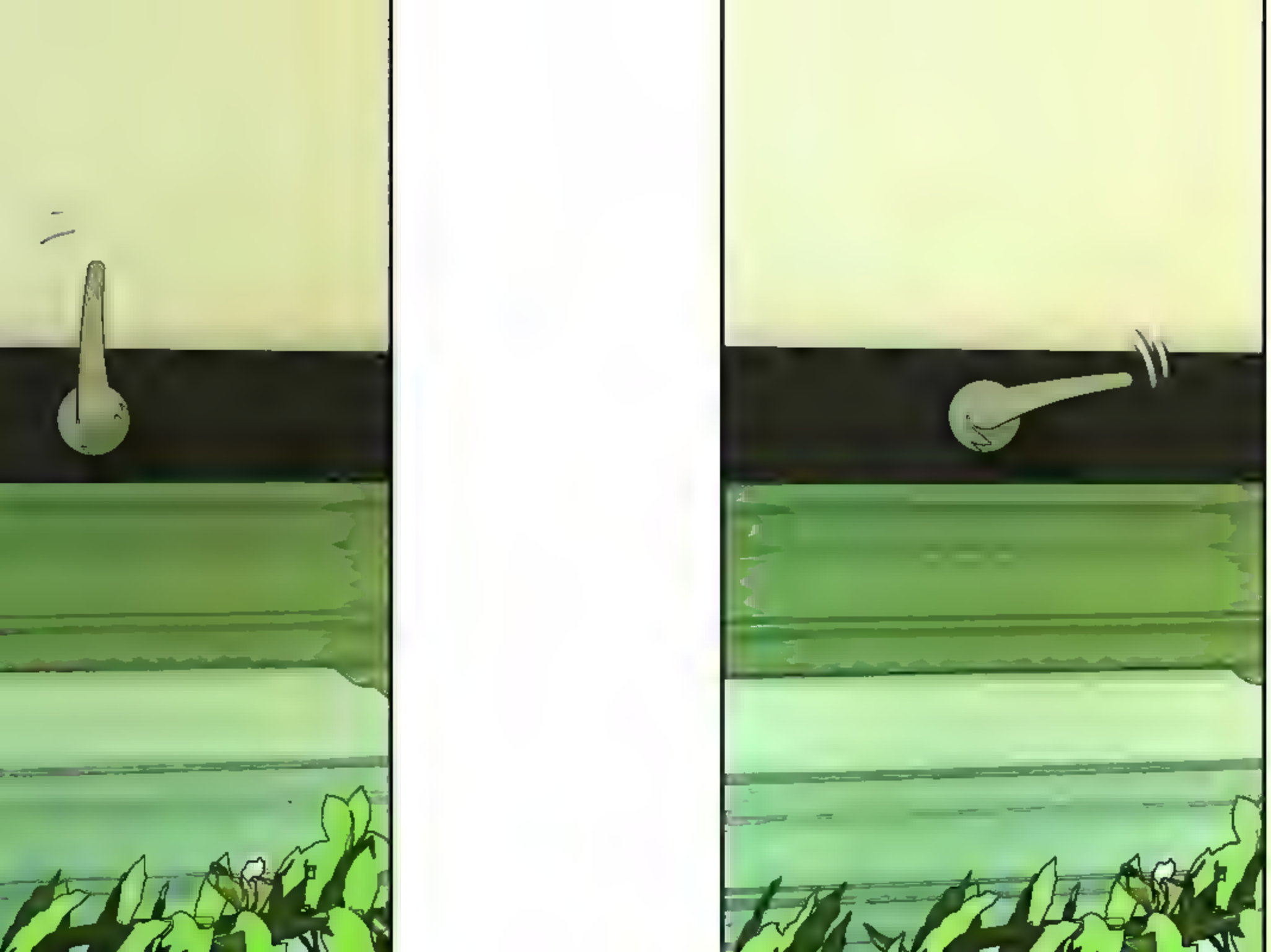
Putting your hair down suits you better!
Is that so?
You really had me worried, you know that?

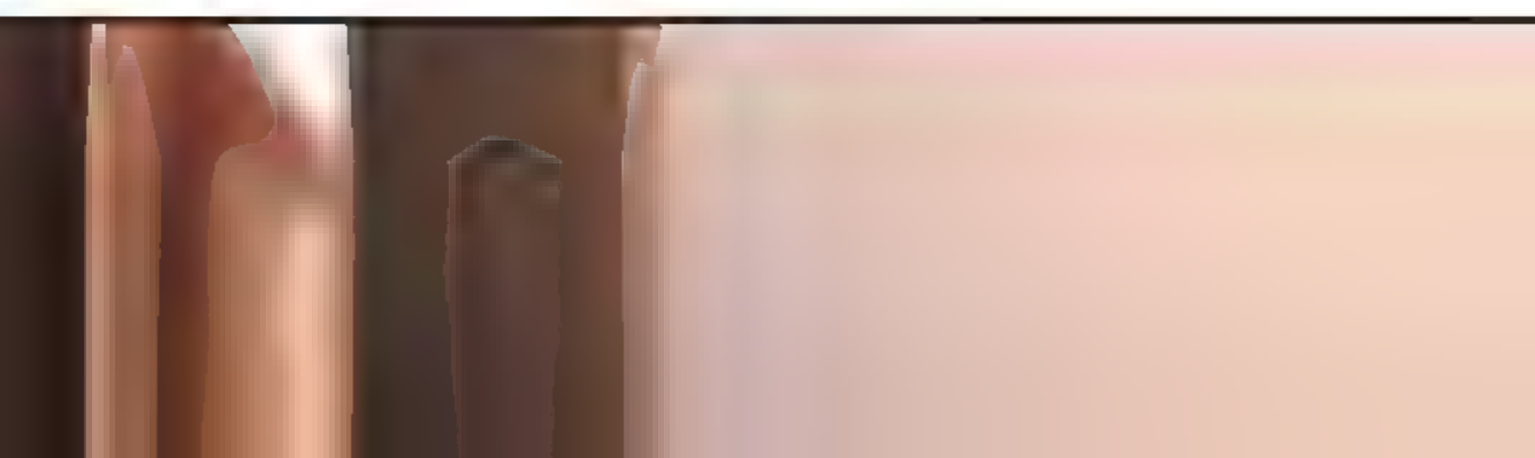
Sumire!?

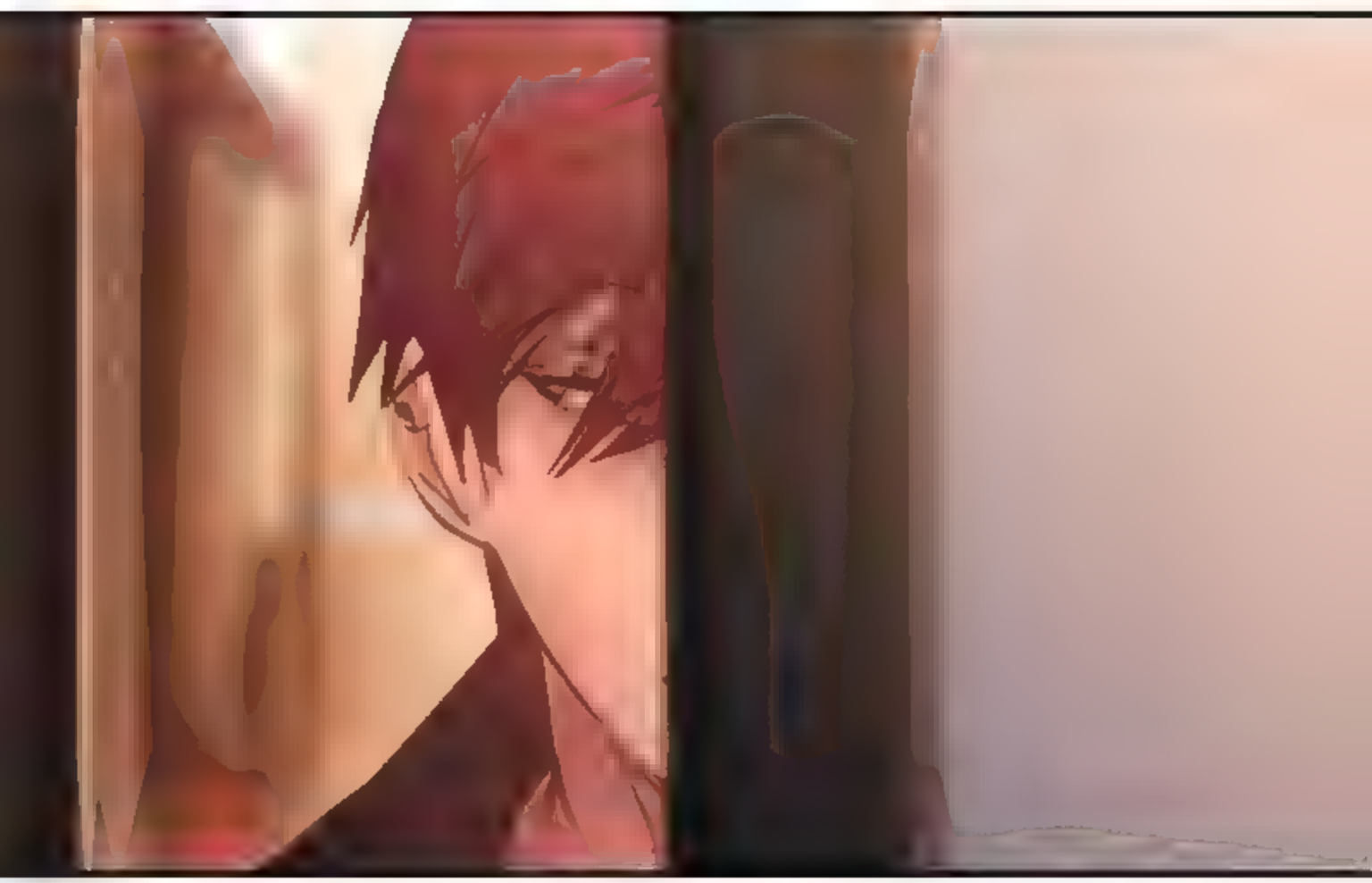
Heh.. She really came.

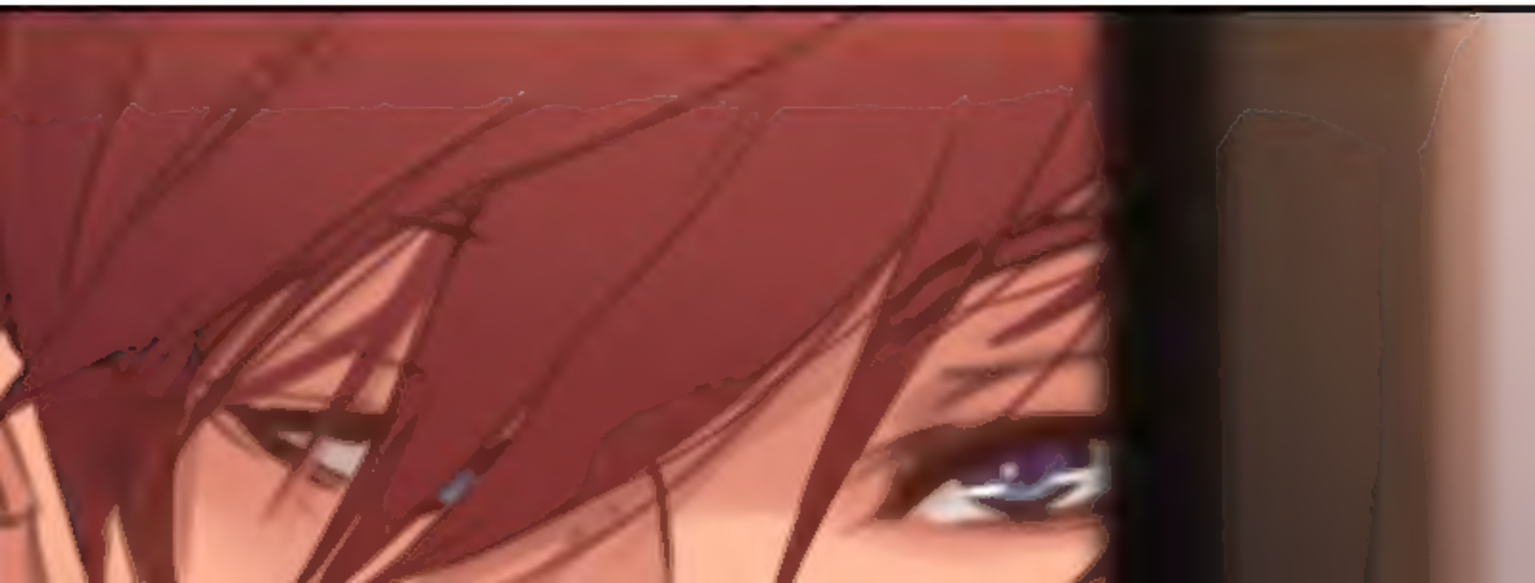
It seems Anya is the only way to lure her out.

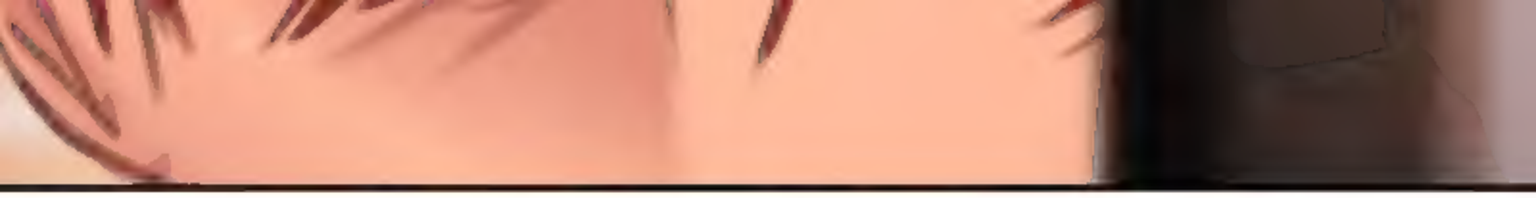












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